

# Minutes

## **THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON **AUGUST 11, 2015** AT THE CENTENNIAL BUILDING IN THE CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT 6:30 PM.

**INVOCATION:** Jay Tallant

**FLAG SALUTE:** Jay Tallant

**ROLL CALL:** Darrell Goulden  
John Knuppel  
Charlie Lee  
James Montgomery  
Jay Tallant

**CITY OFFICIALS:** Doug Shivers, City Clerk  
Sara Hancock, Deputy City Clerk  
Mitch Hoskins, Police Captain

**ITEM 1:** **DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2015 TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING.**

**Motion for minutes to be approved:**

**Motion – Charlie Lee**

**Second – James Montgomery**

**Ayes – Knuppel, Lee, Montgomery, Tallant, Goulden**

**Nays - None**

**ITEM 2:** **VISITORS**

Lori Phillips, 712 Victoria, is concerned about exiting the neighborhood during Christmas due to access on Holly, as well as, it is still hard to pull out from Holly onto 10<sup>th</sup>, as it is. She would recommend a three way stop.

Eric Fredrickson, 621 Victoria, is concerned about Holly and 10<sup>th</sup>. Not excited about a right turn only. It will place 5 extra miles to get onto highway. Left turn can be difficult, but doable. Other option is Andrew exit. He originally bought his house because of easy access. New proposal will be hindering neighborhood.

Judy Chancellor, 1209 Kingston, has lived here since 1980. Post Office sent out survey about mail being placed curbside. This was done respectfully, but City has made a decision without asking. They do not know nightmare they are causing by boxing neighborhood in. Three - way stop light is good idea and lowering of speed limit is another good option.

John Urban, 612 St. James, concerned about safety of children. Shedek traffic during school is a concern. He suggests a traffic light. Could help release problem.

Tate Smith, 1317 Kingsgate, main concern about 10<sup>th</sup> street would be adding more wear and tear on his vehicle. May seem little, but over time it will add a lot. Access and convenience was one reason he bought house. People may cut through store parking lot and cause even more problems. It definitely needs a light.

Janie Crane, 1500 Summerton, stated cutting through parking lot is illegal. Traffic lines up down Holly, as people try to get onto 10<sup>th</sup> St. Concern is safety.

Jim Pogue, 113 S. Terrace, is owner of Santa's Toy Shop. He stated May of this year his wife was in the Homeland parking lot at 10<sup>th</sup> & Cornwell. A young man cut through the parking lot, while trying to avoid 10<sup>th</sup> & Holly traffic and t-boned Mrs. Pogue.

Betty Kilgore, 1029 Montreal, stated people will start finding other places to cut through the neighborhood streets causing more problems.

Michelle Ellison, 804 Victoria, stated at various times of the day, the sun causes visibility issues, when trying to get onto 10<sup>th</sup> St. from Holly.

Jenny Schwarz, 333 E. Platt, thinks a light at Holly would be a good option.

Shirley Day, 1129 Montreal, stated logically a right turn only on 10<sup>th</sup> St. is not a good idea. Homeland will end up barricading, like Wal-Mart to keep people from cutting through parking lot.

Donny Dickerson, 729 Park, Holly and 10<sup>th</sup> needs a light. It is illogical to make a right hand turn only. He grew up in this town and growth is positive. However, most people work in OKC and spend tax money in Yukon. He loves this town, but stated towns that thrive have easy access.

### **ITEM 3:**

### **DISCUSS ANDREW/GARTH BROOKOS TRAFFIC CONCERNS**

Fran Britton, 624 St. James, distributed maps to the Traffic Commissioners. She stated it is getting more and more difficult to

get out of Andrews. Leaving the area is now dangerous due to no light, it is a safety concern. She recommends synchronization, light back, better traffic enforcement, or signage stating no blocking intersection.

Jenny Crane, 1500 Summerton, has petition with 300 signatures. She has talked to business managers and employees; no light is a safety concern. Pedestrians cannot walk, it is insufficient and inconvenient.

Paul Phillips, 712 Victoria, lived here before light, when it was still Cemetery Rd. It was horrendous with no light. The light has saved lives. He does like to walk to Wal-Mart and Braums. Safety is the issue.

Jenny Crane, 801 Victoria, owns this house, as well. She states it is empty and uses it for different meetings. She challenges us to live there and drive where they drive. Safety and property value is a concern.

Rachel Hollowell, 600 Victoria, stated access to the hospital is a great concern via Garth Brooks. As well as, Christmas time traffic causes issues and you cannot access Holly. If the light is taken away, don't know remedy.

Gary Miller, 721 Woodlawn, agrees with all the problems. The answer is not what is being proposed by the City. It is going to box the neighborhood in. He suggests the Traffic Engineer to come up with 2-3 ideas. Look at more police. Proposal of removal of light is going to be worse.

Mr. Shivers told crowd a traffic study is being done and results should be available by middle of next week.

Lori Phillips, 712 Victoria, believes the light being removed is already a done deal. The Yukon Review stated the light would be removed when I-40 and Garth Brooks project completed. Who do we go to ask questions? She has also heard it has been decided for the right turn only onto 10<sup>th</sup> St. She would like to know who they need to talk to. There is also confusion about part being ordered. What is fact or fiction?

Gary Miller, 721 Woodlawn, stated the area is expanding and there is more and more traffic. We need a permanent solution.

Warren Blackhetter, 620 Brandon Pl, likes to ride his bicycle. However, he can no longer use intersection. There is lots of speeding. He would like to know, if traffic study was done before or after removal of light. Mr. Shivers stated after.

Katie Ellison, 1330 Summerton, stated there is an increase in traffic and has been avoiding this light. She believes the study is inadequate count, since it was done after the removal of light.

Connie Fisher, 816 Victoria, stated she depends on stop light. She stated it looks like we are catering to businesses vs. people.

Phil Abbot, 1008 Montreal, gave approximate numbers of people and drivers. There is a lot of traffic. It can take 5-10 minutes to get onto Garth Brooks from Andrew. Tulsa has a lot of traffic and there are no problems there. No crosswalk is dangerous. Removing the light forces traffic down other areas where young children play. This is a safety concern for children, as well as, at Holly and in front of Shedeck. Traffic control may be needed.

Betty Kilgore, 1029 Montreal, stated they will be unable to navigate four lane road with no traffic light. Her concern is on how to get around, it causes a longer route. We won't need new access road, because we won't be able to access it. She's unable to get to hospital, as well. The issue needs to be dealt with and not put a band aid on it. There are a lot of frustrated citizens.

Tate Smith, 1317 Kingston, is concerned for people's safety and fear of the lowering of property value due to doing away with easy access. Convenience is prime. Traffic light is a big thing, convenience is a must.

Ethel Barnett, 709 S. 8<sup>th</sup>, picked Yukon for size, regulation, and caring people. She used to work in Oklahoma City and traffic was doable. Doing away with light for ingress and egress is important.

Jenny Crane, 1500 Summerton, stated there will be no three way, because it will slow traffic on I-40. This should not be a concern, traffic is like that on I-40 already at Meridian, Council, etc. The bigger we get, we have to realize it will happen here, as well. Traffic on I-40 can wait.

Wendell Kilgore, 1029 Montreal, stated Sports Complex and developments will draw more people to town and will add more traffic and problems.

Cynthia Clary, 812 Woodlawn, really has to watch the six lanes of traffic. It is a huge safety concern.

Shirley Day, 1129 Montreal, stated there is confusion over signage. What good is it for visitors to come with no safety?

#### **ITEM 4:**

#### **DISCUSS TRAFFIC CONCERNS**

Mr. Lee stated the northbound light at 10<sup>th</sup> and Garth Brooks is out. Yukon Parkway and Main St. light seems to be hanging on

when no one is there. South side of Garth Brook and I-40 needs to be checked out, could be timing or detector out.

Mr. Lee stated the tracks at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main St. has a chunk out. Mr. Shivers stated Union Pacific has been called.

**ITEM 5:**

**DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

September 8, 2015

**ITEM 6:**

**ADJOURNMENT**